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To: General Hospital (01) Provider Letter A-231

Mental Hospital (02) Provider Letter A-93

Re: DSH Alien Eligibility Requirements

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

This letter is to clarify alien eligibility requirements in the manual attached which is incorporated in the Department's Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) regulation, 907 KAR 1:820.

Prior to the passage of the new regulation and incorporated manual, it was a requirement for hospitals to confirm the citizenship of all DSH applicants. However, after much consideration, the Department has made a change in its new regulation and it is no longer a requirement to determine U.S. citizenship for DSH purposes.

The residency requirement contained on DSH-001 form and in 907 KAR 1:820 is not the same as a citizenship or immigration status requirement. The Department would also like to further clarify that the manual section entitled "Alien Eligibility Requirements" has been removed from the manual and it is no longer in effect.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darlene Burgess, Manager of the Hospitals Branch, at 502-564-6511.

Sincerely,

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